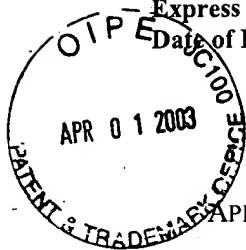


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the October 1, 2002 Office action. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time along with the appropriate fee. With the extension, these documents are due no later than April 1, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18989-006.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace the pending claims with the following:

B¹ 1. (twice amended) A method of treating atherosclerosis in a subject, comprising administering to said subject a composition comprising cystatin C.

B² 9. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is administered directly to an atherosclerotic plaque.

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